

Dear Legislator,

As a Westport home-owner and business-owner since 2007 with an 1,100 sf facility located in the Westport business district; a former UConn professor with a 10-year tenure; published writer; weekly-podcast host (in every state and more than 4 dozen nations); and healthcare patient advocate with 3,400 Connecticut clients and counting, **I stand firmly with the thousands of parents, attorneys, business owners and medical professionals who strongly oppose HB-5044.**

This bill would drop a pre-emptive atomic bomb on happy, healthy Connecticut families and schools alike.

Sick children (e.g. AIDS, hepatitis) are rightfully allowed to attend school under CT state law. To remove healthy *children for any reason* is grossly unethical and unconstitutional in the state of Connecticut.

American citizens have the right to informed consent. We have no forced chemo, forced medications, forced surgeries, and we must not have forced injections of any kind. Citizens are not the property of the government. The right to our own body is our most important freedom.

Let me raise the matter that you, legislator, are almost certainly not caught up with the current vaccination schedule. Are you a health risk who should be banned from public buildings? There were 5 vaccines in 1950, 7 vaccines in 1980. How many have you had? Because the current "recommendation" for today's children is more than 70 shots. Parents MUST remain the ONLY people in charge of all healthcare matters, and removing families' civil liberties is simply not an option under any circumstance. It's not your job to agree or disagree with parents or their personal creed. **Your only job is to ensure our constitution is strictly followed.**

The passage of this bill will certainly to:

- Discrimination on the basis of religion;
- Chaos in our schools;
- The redirection of town resources toward lawsuits, which likely will go on for years;
- Indescribable emotional suffering to children age 3-18 years old, as they're discriminatorily pulled from the friends and teachers they love; kicked off their sports teams; and robbed of the education to which they're lawfully entitled;
- Hundreds of elementary age children being forced to remain home unattended for 7 hours/day, every day, because their parents must work and cannot afford tens of thousands annually for childcare;
- Our schools losing some of their top academics, athletes, musicians, club leaders and actors, weakening each school's standing in national ranks;
- Families moving; impacting tax dollars and home values (which Connecticut absolutely cannot afford)
- Separation of families;
- Countless successful businesses closing and laying off employees as they flee to other states;